TEMPERANCE WORK
IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

To the Bishops, Clergy and the Friends of the Temperance Cause in the Dominion of Canada:

The following letters from several of the leading English divines, and abstracts of press notices, will, I think, be sufficient to satisfy the Bishops, Clergy, and temperance philanthropists generally, of the genuineness of my mission, and that I come not as an oratorical adventurer, but as a tried veteran in the great cause of temperance.

For 45 years I have laboured in the struggle against strong drink, and have devoted the best part of my life to the task of elevating that great down-trodden army of wretched drunkards who are a curse alike to the British and American nations, and to themselves. With the exception of the Venerable Canon Ellison, and one other, I believe, I am the oldest member of the Church of England Temperance Society, the most popular and most energetic of the temperance organizations in the United Kingdom, and for many years I held the office of Diocesan Secretary to the Manchester Diocese, the most densely populated of all English Dioceses, and this position I have only lately resigned.

During my active temperance career I have addressed not less than twelve thousand meetings in various parts of Great Britain, in halls, in workshops, in mills, and in the open-air, and it is no egotism to say that during my work in Lancashire and Yorkshire I attained considerable popularity amongst the working classes of those two great counties, for I have had practical proof of the same, and rejoice to know that I have been the instrument whereby many a drunkard has been led to see the blessings of a godly, righteous and sober life.

I am well known on this Continent to The Most Rev G. Hills, D.D., Bishop of Columbia; Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, D.D. Bishop of Delaware; Robert Graham Esq., of New York; E. Payson Weston Esq., the celebrated temperance pedestrian, Thomas Myers Esq., of Toronto and Chicago; and others and was well known to the late Honorable E. P. Delevan, of New York. I have many times stood side by side on the temperance platform with my venerable friend the Honorable Neal Dow, of Portland, Me.

I come amongst you with an experience that has been gathered by few, and trust that by the Divine blessing I may still be the means of propogating the great principles of temperance which help to make the righteousness which exalteth a nation.

(Signed) GEORGE WARD.

40 Gloucester St., Toronto, Canada.

LETTERS AND EXTRACTS.

The Right Rev. Jas. Moorhouse, D.D., Bishop of Manchester.

Bishops Court, Manchester, England.

I have great pleasure in bearing witness that Mr. George Ward, has been, for nearly eleven years, Secretary of the Manchester Diocesan Church of England Temperance Society, and that, in that office, he has rendered excellent service to the temperance cause in this Diocese.

Mr. Ward is a man of high character, and a sound and active churchman who has given assistance to the Clergy both in Yorkshire and Lancashire in almost every office which a layman can hold. It gives me great pleasure to commend him to the help and sympathy of the Clergy on the American Continent.

Feb. 9, 1892. (Signed) J. MANCHESTER.

The Right Rev. F. Cramer Roberts, D.D., Co-adjutor Bishop of Blackburn, England.

The Vicarage, Blackburn.

I have much pleasure in commending to the pastoral care of the Bishops and Clergy of the American Church, Mr. George Ward, whom I have personally known for some years past. He has been for many years Diocesan Secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society, in the Diocese of Manchester, in which office he has done good work in the temperance cause.

As he will be a stranger in a strange land, any help or kindness that can be shown him will be great fully valued by his many friends in England.

March, 1892. (Signed) F. CRAMER ROBERTS, Bishop of Blackburn.

The Venerable Archdeacon Anson of Birch, Lancashire.

Mr. George Ward has been Secretary to the Manchester Diocesan Church of England Temperance Society for nearly eleven years. I have known him from his election to his retirement from his Secretaryship.

As Chairman of the Police Court Mission in connection with the Temperance Society, I have had continued opportunities of observing Mr. Ward's devotion to the work.

I have never failed to be impressed by his sustained energy, the heartiness of his interest in the cause of temperance, and his discretion in all his activity.

His zeal, his downright honesty of purpose, his readiness at all times to avail himself of any opportunity that offered itself for his work, his kindliness and considerateness have gained for him the esteem of all who have been connected with him.

From the Rev. Canon Woodhouse, Manchester.

To the Clergy of the Episcopal Church and others in Canada, and the United States.

In writing my personal regrets to Mr. George Ward, on his leaving the important post of Secretary to our Church of England Temperance Society, I ask him to carry with him to Canada and the United States, this note of brotherly introduction.

I have had the pleasure of knowing him well through the years he has lovingly, discreetly, and most ably acted as our principal officer in his intercourse with the Clergy and others, often in elaborate arrangements, he has ever acted with the most gentlemanly and Christian feeling, and when personally he has visited parishes, giving addresses and counsel, he has never stinted his labor.

He has also helped, and been ever ready to help us further, in the large parish of St. Andrew, which has been annexed to the Residentiary Canonry, by taking, ably lay services in our mission room.

Wherever he may be, I feel sure that he and his large family will be Christian examples and helpers to those around them.

It will be a pleasure to hear of his welfare, either from himself or his future Clergy.

The Rev. Canon Davenport Kelly.

At the expiration of Mr. Ward's term of office as Secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society, in the Diocese of Manchester, I desire to express my sense of the services he has rendered. He has held the post for ten years, during which time he has attended a great number of meetings, taken part in missions, and been much engaged in forwarding the interests of the cause of temperance. Many have expressed to me their appreciation of his addresses, which he has given both in large gatherings and in small parochial meetings. In my intercourse with him, I have found him unfailingly courteous.

From the Venerable Archdeacon of Halifax, York.

The Archdeacon of Halifax desires to commend his friend, Mr. George Ward, who has done faithful work for the Church, especially in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society, for many years. He leaves England amidst the regrets of all who have worked with him. The Archdeacon trusts that the way may be opened by Mr. Ward in America, to be as useful as he has been in England.

From the Rev. and Most Noble the Marquis of Normanby. Canon of Windsor.

I can gladly say that I feel sure that the Clergy and Laity of the church in America will find him a staunch supporter and ally in any Church or Temperance work, and that Lancashire's loss will be their gain. I look back on the years I knew him, when I was at Worsley, with very great pleasure, and his unfailing kindness and courtesy in helping me in my parish whenever I required it, is an additional reason for my hoping that he will have opportunities extended to him of rendering like assistance in his new home.

From the Venerable Archdeacon of Blackburn, England.

I regret very truly that you are leaving us, for your services—ever willingly rendered, and always acceptable to us, have very greatly helped forward the cause of temperance in our parishes. Your activity and earnestness, and let me add, ready address, have enabled you to make the influence of the Church of England Temperance Society largely felt for good, and while wishing you "God speed," we shall feel sensible of our own loss in parting from you.

We hope that in the new continent where you are about to make your home, your labors in the future may prove as acceptable and useful as they have been among us in the past.

From the Manchester, Salford, and District Temperance Union.

Dear Mr. Ward,—At our Annual Business Meeting held on Saturday, Feb. 6th, 1892, in the Bretherton Hall, Fountain St., Manchester, it was unanimously

Resolved, that having heard that Mr. George Ward is about to leave England, the Officers and Members of the Manchester, Salford, and District Temperance Union, in Annual Meeting assembled, desire to place on record their sense of the loss the temperance cause will sustain by the removal of their earnest co-worker, Mr. George Ward, and they would earnestly commend Mr. Ward to the temperance workers of Canada and the United States of America.

On behalf of the Meeting

We are, dear Mr. Ward
Faithfully yours,
(Signed) William E. A. Axon, President,
E. Dawson King, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

"That this meeting desires to express its warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered in the cause of temperance, by Mr. George Ward to the Rural Deanery of Bolton for many years, and its great regret at his departnre from us."—*Bolton Temperance Union.*

"That we deeply regret the loss we have sustained in one of the most enthusiastic and noble workers in the temperance ranks."—*St. John's Band of Hope, Cheetham.*

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESS.

"We feel that we cannot allow Mr. Ward to depart from amongst us without a warm expression of our deep appreciation of his self-denying and successful labors in the work of temperance. His life has been given to a noble cause; his advocacy of the claims of temperance, both by precept and example, has been earnest, uncompromising, faithful and judicious and he has won the admiration and respect of all by the unflinching firmness which he has shown in the great work. He carries with him to the far West the good and loving wishes of thousands in this large Rural Deanery who have learned to love and respect him, and in the evenings of his days he will be cheered by the remembrance that his life has been devoted to a most righteous cause, and that the words full of earnestness and love which he has so often spoken have brought comfort, hope, and brightness to many a life and home."—*Bolton Chronicle, May 2, 1892.*

"We regret Mr. Ward's departure, and the Church of England Temperance Society have put it in tangible form to remind him of friends left behind, who can bear testimony to the zeal and ability with which he has promoted the objects of temperance. Mr. Ward is a consistent teetotaler, yet never forgets his duty, not to offend those who do not see exactly eye to eye with him in every point. We believe he will find great scope for his undoubted abilities in temperance work in America, and he takes with him a long experience combined with youthful activity, and we earnestly wish him every good wish."—*Manchester Courier, May 23, 1892.*

And similiar notices in the *Manchester Mail, Yorkshire Post, Bolton Guardian* and other papers.

Three illuminated addresses and numerous presents were made to me prior to my leaving England.

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